



## Weekly News

### Tremont Library

#### All Ages Winter Reading

Kids, adults, and teens, stop by the library and pick up a reading bingo sheet starting February 1st and lasting until the end of the month. Kids-- earn a prize for a bingo! Adults and teens-- earn a chance to win gift cards to local businesses with a bingo!

#### Make-It Monday (Ages: 5-7 or 8+)

February 1, March 1, April 5, & May 3

Use materials from home or register for a Maker Kit and follow a video to create a S.T.E.A.M. inspired project. Registration required. (If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.)

#### In the Loop (Ages 8+)

Thursdays, Feb. 4 - May 20 -- 3-4PM

All levels of crochet! Learn how to crochet or work on your own projects in the company of other crafters. No registration, find our Zoom link on Facebook or request it by email. You supply materials, check out Miss Lizzi's Crochet Guide to help you get started!

#### Adult/Teens: Make a Pom-Pom Heart Bookmark

Our first craft requires no registration, and you can pick one up starting Thursday, February 4th. We'll have lots of kits, but pick one up while supplies last!

Register for our other adult/teen crafts by calling or e-mailing the library:

- March 4th: Roll Your Own Candle
- April 1st: Confetti KnickKnack Tray
- May 6th: DIY Clipboard with Mod Podge

#### Do Genealogy Research at Home with Your Library Card

Research AT HOME with your Tremont Library Card on HeritageQuest!

Access family genealogies, county and town histories, church and school histories, maps and atlases, vital records, tax lists, military records, wills, cemetery records, the complete set of US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1930, and more.

Log in using your library barcode:

<https://www.heritagequestonline.com/barcode?aid=3214>

#### Fine Art Friday (Age: 7+)

Dates: February 26, March 26, & April 30

Explore new mediums and new artists with this spring's Fine Art Friday series. Use materials from home or register in advance for an Art Box. If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.

- February: Chalk & Oil Pastels
- March: Sculptures
- April: Mosaics



## Notice of Public Hearing - Annexation Agreement

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., at the regular meeting of the Village of Tremont Board of Trustees, at the Tremont Community Center located at 216 S. Sampson Street in Tremont, Illinois, the annexation into the Village of Tremont of the below described parcel of property will be considered, at which time all interested persons are invited to attend. The property in question is owned by the Board of Education of Tremont Community Unit School District No. 722.

To view the notice of public hearing, [click here](#).

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## Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 4, 2021. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible.

This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended.

If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment with Lisa Miller. 925-3823 Ext 252.



## Did you know...?

Two Tremont Boys Hit Pay Dirt

The exhilarating excitement, the possibility of striking it rich, and the spirit of high adventure spurred a few Tremont residents to sell everything and become "Boomers". Exaggerated rumors of the gold mines' plenty in Nevada caused many a young man from our area to pack up and head west to join the rush.

The McQueen boys of Tremont were two who joined the "Boomers" headed to Nevada. Gold miners were referred to as Boomers because they would descend on tiny settlements where gold had been discovered and cause an explosion in population. One such town, Goldfield, Nevada, consisted of just a few tents when gold was discovered. Almost overnight the town grew to be the largest city in Nevada, 18,000-20,000 strong.

Those who took the risk of investing all they had also risked influenza and pneumonia (called the "black plague") and other epidemics, diseases, homicides and suicides that flourished in boom towns.

Some were successful, others were not. The article below is from the Tremont News in April of 1907:

"In a letter Thursday morning from a friend in Utah, we learn that the McQueen boys, Ben and Dave, have struck it rich in a mine in Nevada. They, in company with a Mr. Williams, owned fifteen claims which are paying so well that the McQueens bought Williams' one third interest, paying him \$5,000 for it. By a clipping in the White Pines Times we see where the deeds were recorded last week. One claim that Dave has owned separate from the others has cleared \$7,000 in the last three months. The boys are former residents of Tremont and we are glad to hear of their good fortune."

In the early 1900s, \$1.00 was equivalent to approximately \$28.00 in 2013. The average yearly wage was \$432.00. An average home was \$5,000 and a steam-powered car cost \$1,000. So, it appears the McQueens did quite well with their venture.

By WWI, those mining camps were ghost towns, and their wild days of gold rushes became a thing of the past, leaving only memories of the high excitement and risk those boomers, including two daring Tremont boys, experienced.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Sources: [onlinevada.org](http://onlinevada.org), [www.reference.com](http://www.reference.com), [Westernmiminghistory.com](http://Westernmiminghistory.com)

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## Monday

Public Hearing for Annexation Agreements - 7:00PM  
Community Center

## Tuesday

MS Volleyball home vs Dee-Mack - 4:15PM

## Thursday

MS Boys Basketball home vs Eureka - 4:30PM

HS Girls Basketball home vs Fisher - 5:30PM

MS Volleyball @ Eureka - 5:30PM

## Friday

HS Boys Basketball home vs Fisher - 5:30PM

## Saturday

MS Boys Basketball @ Dee-Mack - 10:00AM

HS Girls Basketball @ Leroy - 11:00AM

HS Boys Basketball @ LeRoy - 4:00PM



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Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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